

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

All schools should establish and maintain an environment free from toxins, pollutants and hazardous materials.

AUTHORIZATION/LEGAL REFERENCE:

- Vermont Act 125 of 2000 - Indoor Air Quality
- State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practice, Section 6131

SUGGESTED SCHOOL NURSE/ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE ROLE:

Collaborate with administrators, maintenance personnel, health educators and classroom teachers, to:

1. determine if environmental health problems or potential problems exist in the school;
2. prioritize problems with respect to health risks to the general school population;
3. establish a plan of action to mitigate or eliminate, to extent possible, any existing environmental health problems;
4. create a method to manage environmentally-related health questions, concerns, complaints and incidents as they occur. Encourage discussion with school health action committees; and
5. promote environmental health awareness through dissemination of resources.

RESOURCES:

- Environmental Protection Agency Indoor Environment Division. Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools: Action Kit - <http://www.epa.gov/iaq> or 1-800-438-4318
 - Vermont Department of Health, Envision manual - <http://www.healthyvermonters.info/hp/act125/envision.shtml>
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